

FRENZIED MOB  
RESTRAINEDWhile 250 Miners Were  
Meeting Their Death To-day

IN AN ENGLISH COAL MINE

Terrible Accident in Which Fire  
Followed an Explosion, and Escape of  
the Entombed Men Was Cut  
Off by Wreckage.

Manchester, England, Dec. 21.—Two hundred and fifty miners are believed to be dead from fire following an explosion in the Pretoria coal mine, Hulton county, near Leigh. The month of the shaft was choked, and few of the miners were able to escape. Eleven were rescued, however, and twenty bodies have been recovered. The flames leaped eighty feet high from the mine's mouth, attracting thousands of other miners and families of the entombed men. The huge crowd gathered, screaming with anxiety for loved ones inside the burning pit.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The disaster was increased by the wrecking of the mine cage, choking the shaft; which, with the other debris cut off the escape of the men inside and hindered the entrance of the rescuers. It also put the ventilating apparatus out of commission, forcing mine manager Tonge and a rescue party of seven to return to the surface after going in a short distance. The rescuers finally entered the wrecked mine through an adjoining mine, but their work was hampered by flames and the danger of further explosions.

Most of the victims which were found were either dead or badly injured; and all the dead were burned beyond recognition. None of the rescued was able to give clue to the cause of the explosion. There were 300 miners inside when the explosion occurred, and the police had to restrain the frenzied wives and mothers from entering the burning shaft. Leigh is 25 miles northeast of Liverpool.

## A WEEK WITHOUT FOOD.

Terrible Experience of Joseph Egan,  
Nearly Frozen to Death.

Southington, Conn., Dec. 21.—Joseph Egan, 54 years old, was found yesterday in a barn on the Stillman farm almost frozen to death and scarcely able to speak. He had been in a hay mow for more than a week without food or drink and was barely able to gasp out, "A drink of water; I am dying." To Sam Mills, a farmer, who discovered him, Egan was taken to a nearby farmhouse and Dr. W. A. Steadman was summoned. He was revived sufficiently to tell his story. He said he entered the barn a week ago Sunday night. He was ill and crawled into the hay mow and went to sleep. He became worse and on the following day was so ill that he could not summon help. No one happened to enter the hay mow until yesterday, when Mills stumbled upon Egan and probably saved his life.

Egan was in the barn during the zero weather of last week. When found, his hands and face were swollen and black with frost. His feet are badly frozen, and the physician fears that they will have to be amputated. Egan thinks he slept most of the time he was in the barn. The thermometer dropped to 10 degrees below zero in Southington last week, while Egan was in the barn, which is old and full of holes. Egan wanted water more than anything else when he was found. He has lived all his life in Southington and has relatives here, who are now caring for him. He told the doctor, when the latter arrived, that he did not feel so badly as he did several days ago.

## BOY SHOT IN FACE.

Emmett Vassar, Aged 16, Hurt at Lowell, Mass., Yesterday.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 21.—Emmett Vassar, aged 16, was shot with a bullet in the side of the face and in the body yesterday afternoon while playing on the ice of Merrimack river in Centralville. His injuries are serious, but not dangerous. The case was reported to the police late last night. The names of boys alleged to have had the shot gun were given to the police and an investigation is being made.

## MARKHAM MADE PRESIDENT

Of Illinois Central Railroad to Succeed Harahan.

New York, Dec. 21.—Charles Markham, the Pittsburgh oil magnate, was today elected president of the Illinois Central railroad, to succeed retiring President Harahan, who was made president by Harriman after a great railroad battle with Stuyvesant Fish for control.

## Proposed New Railroad.

Montpelier will take a lively interest in the railroad project designed to open the asbestos region, because it promises to develop an important Vermont industry and because it promises to form part of a new line from Newport to Rutland by way of this city. Such a road would be of great advantage to this city—Montpelier Journal.

In the interest of all the state, it is to be hoped that the road will be built. Any railroad that can get a living is of advantage to the community. A road that will help to develop our undeveloped industries is one that should have the special aid and countenance of everybody.—Burlington News.

While Harry Chapin of Springfield was driving a hog last week, he was attacked by the animal and suffered two severe cuts on the right leg and thigh. When he saw the hog coming towards him, he turned to run, but slipped and fell. In a moment the animal was upon him and bit his leg and thigh in two deep cuts, one cut being five inches long and two inches deep and the other measuring six inches long and one inch deep.

## MAINE CRITICIZES GRANGE.

Management of the National Organization Severely Arraigned.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 21.—A severe criticism of the management of the national grange, Patrons of Husbandry, was contained in the report of the executive committee submitted at the annual meeting of the Maine state grange here yesterday. The report was unanimously accepted, amid applause.

State Master Stetson said that there was no charge that anybody had personally benefited from the funds of the national treasury. "The charge made, and I know it is true," he said, "is that the Maine state grange has for years donated nearly \$5,000 in so-called extension work, with but little result."

The state master pledged himself to fight what he termed the national grange "machine."

At the recent meeting of the national grange much dissatisfaction with the national officers was expressed by delegates from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maine, Washington and Oregon, but a large majority of the delegates upheld the officers on every ballot.

## BODY IDENTIFIED.

It Was Frederick Zudack Who Killed  
Policeman and Was Killed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Captain of Detectives Sonder last night announced that the body of the man who killed Policeman Barnett and was himself killed by a bullet from the policeman's revolver on the night of November 28 had been identified as that of Frederick Zudack, 64 West 107th street, New York.

According to the police, Zudack was a member of a wealthy New York family who refuse to claim the body, or have anything to do with it. They say Charles Zudack of 27 Walker street, New York, an umbrella manufacturer, and Simon Zudack, a diamond dealer of Nassau street, are brothers of the dead man. His brother, they say, lives in Brooklyn.

TIGHTER REIN  
ON RAILROADSIn Annual Report, Submitted to Congress To-day, Commission Stated  
That Railroad's Figures Are  
Not Reliable.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The interstate commerce commission's annual report which was submitted to Congress this afternoon, demands the passage of a law for the physical valuation of railroads by the government. The report referred to what was said to be a well-known fact that no court or commission would consider the present railroad balance sheet statement, purporting to give the cost of the property, as in the remotest degree reliable as a measure of the money invested or the present value. The commission declared that last year's railroad law corrected many defects, and asserted that the provision allowing the interstate commerce board to stipulate any proposed increase in rates was particularly good.

## Another Statement by Commission.

In a statement issued yesterday the commission gave its views on the application of the long-and-short-haul provision of the commerce act, particularly to the application of the provision to export and import freight rates. The commission holds:

"That inland export and import rates are subject to the provisions of the act and within the jurisdiction of the commission."

"That the fourth section of the amended act forbids carriers subject thereto, without authority from the commission in accordance with said section, to charge more for the transportation of a like kind of export or import traffic for a shorter haul for a longer haul over the same line in the same direction; that is, as we understand the law, the validity of a rate under this section is determined by comparison of an export rate with an export rate, or an import rate with an import rate."

"So far as the fourth section is concerned, carriers are not required in the first instance to establish export and import rates which shall be measured and limited by domestic interstate rates between the same points of origin and destination in the United States; but as export and import rates, as well as domestic interstate rates, are subject to the provisions of the act and the jurisdiction of the commission, it is clear that the reasonableness of any of these rates under the provisions of section 1, and questions of discrimination under the third section, may all be considered and the commission may condemn any discrimination in export and import rates, upon comparison with those applicable on domestic interstate traffic, to the extent that the same may be found unjust or unreasonable in any particular case upon investigation and full hearing."

## BY A SINGLE VOTE

North Adams, Mass., Went Into the No-  
License Column.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 21.—After many years in the license column, with 21 yeas and several nays enjoying the privilege of liquor selling, North Adams, at the annual city election yesterday swung over into the no license ranks by a majority of one vote. The result was a general surprise, for the city has so long had a wet majority that it was looked upon as safe and there had been little work done to get out the voters on either side. The vote was: Yes, 1,478; no, 1,479. Last year there was a majority of 238 for license. Charles F. Frink, Republican, was elected mayor. The city government remains Republican.

## BOY COASTING FINDS HAND.

Body of Missing Clerk Is Found Under  
Swamp Ice.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 21.—A boy, coasting down a hill at East Orange yesterday afternoon, tumbled off his sled in horror at the sight of a human hand protruding from the ice-covering of a swamp.

The police later unearthed the body of Harry P. Wicks, a clerk employed by the Lackawanna railroad at New York. He disappeared from his home in East Orange on Nov. 29.

FIRE RUINS  
FELL ON THEMTwo Men Killed in Big Fac-  
tory Fire in Cincinnati

PROPERTY LOSS \$2,000,000

Krippendorf, O'Neil Shoe Company and  
Taylor & Pool Leather Company's  
Places of Business Were Wiped  
Out This Morning.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Two lives were lost and several other persons were seriously injured to-day in a fire which destroyed the plants of the Krippendorf, O'Neil Shoe company and the Taylor & Pool Leather company. One of the persons killed was a fireman, and the other was a spectator, while the injured were also firemen. The casualties occurred when the walls of the shoe company's plant collapsed. The property loss is estimated at \$2,000,000, and a great conflagration was averted only after hard work.

There was a panic among the prisoners of the county jail nearby, following the collapse of the walls of the Krippendorf plant, and the prisoners were mustered preparatory to making an escape from the jail in case of necessity. Two fire engines were buried under the debris of the falling walls.

In addition to the companies previously mentioned, the Twin Lock company, the United States Leather company, the Wildbury Box factory and the Payne Motor company were heavy losers. Sixteen hundred people, mostly workers in the shoe industry, were thrown out of employment.

## BODY BADLY MANGLED

Still Thaddeus B. Bryant Killed Himself,  
They Say.

Freedom, N. H., Dec. 21.—The town was thrown into a fever of excitement late Monday afternoon over the finding of the dead body of a Thaddeus B. Bryant, a prominent citizen, in the kitchen of his home.

The body lay with the top of the head blown off. The throat was severely cut and there was a bullet hole through the body, the ball passing through the stomach. Herbert Weeks and Alonzo Brooks, neighbors who had not seen Mr. Bryant since Sunday looked into the kitchen window and discovered the tragedy.

Medical referee Dr. E. S. Hodgdon of Ossipee was notified and after viewing the body pronounced the case a suicide. The shooting was done with a repeating rifle, which was found on the floor of the room. Owing to family troubles Bryant's wife left him a week ago, and it is thought that brooding over the loss of his companion caused the act.

Since the departure of Mrs. Bryant, the husband had confined himself to the house, and refused to see anyone. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are highly esteemed and the only trouble they ever had was between themselves. Mr. Bryant was a large property owner and it is said owned no bills. He was a native of Freedom and 45 years old.

He leaves a son, Carl D., of Rockville, Conn., and one daughter, Cora, of Freedom.

## TOLD WIFE HE'D LEAVE HER.

Franklin J. Burnham Does Not Contest  
Wife's Maintenance Suit.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The suit for separate maintenance brought by Mrs. Ethel Burton Burnham against her husband, Franklin J. Burnham, the former first corps of cadets member, now of Colorado Springs, when heard before Judge DeCourcy in the superior court at Salem yesterday, was uncontested.

Mrs. Burnham said that her husband returned from a two weeks' tour of duty with the cadets on July 10, 1905, asking at once for a word with Mrs. Burnham's father. He then, she said, wanted to speak to her in private, but she would not permit, whereupon Burnham informed her that he was going away, saying she could get a divorce on any ground she saw fit.

"I told him I did not want him to leave," Mrs. Burnham said. "I asked him if I had not been a dutiful wife. He replied that he had no complaint to make on that score. I have not seen him since."

George A. Burton, the father of Mrs. Burnham, said that Burnham had told him he had decided to leave Ethel for good and that he was unhappy. When Burnham was asked if the decision was final, he replied that it was.

Mrs. Burnham asked the court the right to resume her maiden name. Judge DeCourcy has taken the matter under advisement.

Burnham, when he lived in Boston, was besides being a member of the first corps of cadets, a staff officer of the second brigade, M. V. M. He is at present a captain in the Colorado National Guard.

## ST. ALBANS HOUSE ROBBED.

Burglars Got Bedding and Other Cloth-  
ing Last Night.

St. Albans, Dec. 21.—The house of Peter McLeod was entered last night and a quantity of bedding and other clothing was taken. The McLeods are poor people, and it is thought that the thief must have been in similar circumstances and was looking out for clothing.

## TWO ARRESTS MADE

In Holdup Case of Arthur Bogle Sun-  
day Night.

St. Albans, Dec. 21.—Two men giving the name of Parsons were arrested here last night on the charge of having held up Arthur Bogle of Swanton in this city last Sunday night and relieved him of his watch and some money. The date for hearing has not been set.

## HEARING CONCLUDED

In Case Growing Out of Shortage in  
Town Accounts at New Haven.

Middlebury, Dec. 21.—Judge Stanton as chancellor finished yesterday afternoon the hearing of the case of Town of New Haven vs. E. S. Weston, Middlebury bank and William McIntyre, but did not announce any decision.

In this case the town of New Haven seeks to recover from the bank because the bank received and held on interest each year a large number of New Haven orders that the town claimed had been paid before they reached the bank, but which the bank claims were gilt-edged securities. The town further claims that with the exception of Mr. Roscoe none of the town officers knew that these orders were in the bank, and that if the bank had refused to cash these orders, Treasurer Roscoe's shortage might have been discovered in his life time, and that therefore the bank should make the town good.

The town also seeks to have cancelled two outstanding town orders that were given by the selectmen on May 29, 1909, to William McIntyre and amounting to \$1,642.24, in exchange for receipts held by Mr. McIntyre at that time, reading "for money loaned the town" and signed by A. P. Roscoe as town treasurer. The larger of these orders, being for \$1,500, was accepted June 28, 1909, by E. S. Weston, town treasurer, and deposited on the same day in the bank by Mr. McIntyre, who soon after checked out a large part of the money. The smaller order is still held by Mr. McIntyre.

The bank claims to be an innocent holder for value of the larger McIntyre order and that all the orders are negotiable and valid instruments, and that the town of New Haven is indebted to the bank for the amount of the larger McIntyre order and for some \$1,400 and interest additional and the bank seeks by a cross-bill to have the court direct the town of New Haven to pay these moneys to the bank.

The defendant, William McIntyre, seeks to have the amount of the smaller order paid to him, and Treasurer E. S. Weston, who is only a nominal defendant, asks for nothing but his costs.

## ARM BADLY TORN.

Etwell Cobb Was Hurt in Accident at  
Springfield.

Springfield, Dec. 21.—Etwell Cobb was seriously injured yesterday while at work in the blacksmith loft at the Bellows gear shaper shops. He made a mistake and one arm caught in an exhaust fan, tearing it from the elbow to the shoulder. Three physicians dressed the wound. The doctors were unable to determine whether he would lose the arm.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Snow shoes at Shepard's.

Buckskin moccasins at Shepard's.

For electric massage go to Miers'.

Six chairs.

Go to the Vermont Fruit Store for your Christmas holly.

W. S. Wright of Hardwick was a business visitor in the city to-day.

A Bertrand went to New Bedford, Mass., to-day for a visit with relatives.

S. L. Dewey of Stowe was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

H. A. Gould shipped a Blasius-made player piano to Lancaster, N. H., yesterday.

Mrs. C. A. Brown went to Boston to-day, where she will visit her two daughters who reside there.

David Sickle is moving his household goods from Mount street into a tenement on Second street.

Mrs. E. L. Scott went to Randolph this afternoon for a visit over Christmas at the home of her parents.

O. E. Collins of New York is in the city on a business visit. Mr. Collins was formerly high sheriff of Washington county.

Mrs. William Winn returned yesterday to her home in St. Johnsbury, after visiting with friends in the city for the past ten days.

Carl S. Jewell of Fike, N. H., who has been passing a few days in the city, went yesterday to Burlington, where he has secured employment.

James Grigg and William Richardson were in Marshfield last night, where they played with the Marshfield team in a basketball game against Cabot.

The Vermont Poultry association has made arrangements so that it can accommodate about 100 more birds and will receive entries until Friday evening, December 23.

There will be a meeting of teamsters' union, local No. 26, in painters' hall Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 o'clock. Be sure to come. William Kerwin, secretary-treasurer.

The Christmas rehearsals of the Congregational Sunday school will be held Thursday, directly after school, and Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Please take notice of change of time of Saturday's rehearsal.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held on Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock sharp. Parents and friends of the children will bring or leave presents for the children at the church in the afternoon.

All tinselled post cards must be sent in envelopes and must carry a two-cent postage stamp before they can be delivered. The post office has been receiving hundreds of these cards and they cannot be sent on account of this oversight.

The voluntary offering from the members of the Congregational Philathea class for the Christmas boxes was \$1.00. Mrs. Lave, Miss Houston or Miss McDonald. We would like to have all money in not later than Friday, the 23d.

"Her Adopted Parents" is the story of the cherished love and memory of a daughter for her parents, which led her to adopt an old couple and make their lives and her own happy and blessed. This hits the nail on the head and drives the point home—the love of children for their parents and respect for the old. The picture will do more good than a dozen sermons. At Dreamland to-day.

MAN IS DYING  
FROM STABHis Alleged Assailant Is Being  
Sought by Police

WOMAN IS UNDER ARREST

Murderous Affray in Winooski Last  
Night Over a Pretty Colored Woman,  
an Is Likely to End in Death  
of George Williams.

Burlington, Dec. 21.—Bertha E. Hill, a pretty colored woman, was arrested this morning for possible connection with the stabbing, at Winooski last night, of George Williams by John Cooper, both of whom are colored. Williams lies at the point of death in the Fanny Allen hospital, and the officers are searching for Cooper, who fled after the stabbing. The girl has an unsavory reputation. A dispute over her resulted in the stabbing. She was out in the hand during the fracas. A dirk knife nine inches long was used in the stabbing. Williams' wound is in the back, below the left shoulder.

The Winooski police and Health Officer Dr. E. A. Burdick were called to the Forbury house, which is located on the Main street, and for throwing snow balls at drivers and horses. To throw snow balls at teams or persons is a violation of the city ordinances, and the police warn boys that they must desist or arrests will be made.

## HE TOOK A DARE.

Next Thing He Took a Swim in Cold  
Water.

While attempting to cross the brook near the Smith, Whitcomb & Cook foundry yesterday afternoon, Henry Connolly, a young lad residing on an ant street, was badly frightened when the ice suddenly gave way and he was let down into the cold water nearly up to his shoulders. A number of other boys who were on the shore nearby procured a board and with the assistance of some workmen, Connolly was assisted from his perilous position. Needless to say, he lost little time in starting for home. The boys who were with him say that young Connolly ventured on the ice as the result of a dare.

Nearing the center, the ice began to sag, finally breaking under the weight. Although the water is not deep, there is a strong current at this point, and had it not been for the timely help of his companions, it is possible that the boy might have been swept from his feet and under the ice. And even in shallow water a sudden plunge into ice cold water is to be relished at this time.

## BURNS CLUB ELECTION.

C. W. McMillan Chosen President at An-  
nual Meeting Last Night.

The annual business meeting of the Burns club was held in Woodmen's hall in the Bolster block last evening, with a large attendance. Following the reports of the various officers, the following board was elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, C. W. McMillan, sr.; vice president, Fred Bird; secretary, Robert Inglis; treasurer, James Rae; trustees, James K. Anderson, William Scott. Included in the usual routine business, plans were discussed for the annual anniversary of the club. This occasion will be observed with a banquet held in Woodmen's hall on the evening of January 25, 1911. Committee having charge of the affair will be appointed by the president some time in the near future.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. DOUGLASS

Was Held This Forenoon From Her Late  
Home On Park Street.

The funeral of Mrs. Electa F. Douglass, whose death occurred Monday morning following a long illness, was held from her late home, 33 Park street, this forenoon at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated at the service. The bearers were the husband of the deceased, G. N. Douglass, and the three sons as follows: Charles L., Golda H., and Walter C. Douglass. A large floral offering fittingly testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Douglass was held in the community. The body was taken to Elmwood cemetery and placed in the tomb until spring, when interment will take place.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Clarence Eaton of St. Johnsbury is  
passing a few days with friends here.

William J. Ruddy of Seattle, Wash., is a guest of his brother, E. J. Ruddy, at the City hotel.

Miss Rena Cunningham returned to-day to her home in Newport, after spending a week with friends in the city.

Beginning Thursday afternoon, Robert Kerr will open a roller skating rink in Mill hall. Skating every afternoon and evening from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10, with the exception of the second and last Mondays of each month, when the hall is engaged. Skates to rent for men and women.

Among the guests registered at the City hotel Tuesday and to-day were the following persons: E. R. Bailey, Burlington; John MacLeod, Walpole, N. H.; S. L. Dewey, Stowe; C. M. McCann, Burlington; R. F. Davis, Lower Cabot, W. H. Smith, Los Angeles, Cal.; William Ruddy, Seattle, Wash.; A. E. Pillsbury, Albany, N. Y.; C. J. Raymond, Whiting; W. S. Fought, Burlington.

## Wetmore &amp; Morse Dividend.

At a meeting of the directors of the Wetmore & Morse Granite company, held at Montpelier last evening, the semi-annual five per cent. dividend was declared.

To fill three vacancies in the call members of the fire department, C. H. Woods, E. D. Carpenter and W. L. Harris were appointed. The council voted to purchase the safe in the water department, which was owned by F. G. Howland.

LESS LIGHT  
THAN PAID FORWas Report Which City Light-  
ing Committee Presented

A SURPRISING SITUATION

Alderman Rossi Also Stated That Com-  
pany Included 70 Lights in Spauld-  
ing School Which Are on Meter.

Council Will Investigate.

Reports of committee and the adopting of a resolution on department appropriations covering several departments, in which the accounts had been overdrawn as shown by the clerk at the meeting of the aldermen last week, constituted most of the business before the city council at its regular meeting last evening.

Alderman Rossi, chairman of the lighting committee, stated that the committee had taken an inventory of all the lights in the city buildings and found that their inventory showed 67 less lights in use than the lighting company had charged the city for in their last bill and had been charging them for all the year.

According to his inventory, the city is using 376 lights, and the company had charged for 443. In the company's bill, he said, they had included 70 lights in the Spaulding school building, which they should not have done, as the lights in that building are on a meter. He said that the company's superintendent had stated that the company was willing to settle by the city's inventory, beginning November 1 last.

At the suggestion of Alderman Hoyt, it was decided to defer any action on the matter another week and in the meantime have the lighting committee look up last year's inventory, to see if there was one made by that lighting committee, and compare it with the new inventory.

In connection with the lighting company's last bill, it was stated that there had been an excessive number of renewals of lights in the city building, and it was intimated that the lights were being stolen. In regard to this, Alderman Willey of the property committee stated that the janitor of the building now had his instructions to keep a record of all the renewals in the building, something that had never been done before.

Want Cemetery Note Paid.

A communication was received from the cemetery commissioners, stating that they wished the city to pay a note of \$1,150 on the Morris property, and they also notified the city that they wanted 4 per cent. interest after January 1, 1911, on all the money they had loaned the city, on which heretofore they had been getting 3 1/2 per cent. Considering the condition of the money market now, the council was of the opinion that the commission's request for one-half of one per cent. raise was justified, and on motion of Alderman Willey the request was complied with and the note for \$1,150 ordered paid.

## Tilt with Telephone Company.

A communication was received from Superintendent Goodwin of the telephone company, in regard to the street commissioners' request that the company move a pole on Granite street near the Beck & Beck property, as Beck & Beck had complained it was in the way of their getting onto their property. The superintendent stated in his letter that the pole and all of the company's poles in the city had been set under the direction of the city engineer, and if there was any complaint in this regard, he believed it should be by order of the public service commission.

The city clerk stated that he had already replied to the letter, sending the superintendent a copy of the city ordinance bearing on this question, which stipulates that any pole shall be moved at any time that the street commissioners shall direct for the convenience of property owners. To this letter the clerk stated that he had as yet received no answer. The council was agreed that the ordinance covered the question thoroughly and instructed the clerk to notify the company that they must move the pole.

Robert Kerr applied through the clerk for information as to whether he would have to pay a license if he started a skating rink in the city. The council decided that no license was required. A restaurant license was granted to Daniel W. Smith to run a restaurant in the Durkee block.

The clerk stated that most of the street assessment bills had not been paid and the council voted to have George Cook, assistant in the engineer's office, collect the bills, as he has done in the past.

The mayor stated that he was surprised to find that a clock had never been installed in the central fire station. He said that a plan had been made for a clock just over the alarm indicator, when the building was erected, and he thought it queer that a clock had not been installed before this time. It was intended to have the clock connected with the indicator, so that it would stop whenever an alarm was rung in, thus giving the exact time that an alarm was sounded, which time the chief is required to keep a record of. The lighting committee was instructed to bring in a recommendation of the matter at the next meeting.

On motion of Alderman Hoyt, the council then went into executive session. After the closed session, the water committee, to whom had been referred the question of public skating rinks, reported that they did not deem it advisable to try to run a rink this winter, owing to the lateness of the season. The greatest objection to rinks, the committee claims, is that the flooding of the rinks from the hydrants opens the hydrants up so that they are sure to freeze up in cold weather. The report was accepted.

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